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TITLE: PROTECTIVE CAP FOR A CONTACT PIPE IN A WELDING  
TORCH IN ADDITION TO A WELDING TORCH EQUIPPED WITH  
SAID CAP

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